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1. EMBASSY MADE DEMARCHE TO GOP THE WEEK OF MAY 8 WITH AMBASSADOR PRESENTING FONMIN DE LA PUENTE WITH CRITICAL ISSUES PAPER (REFTELS) AND LABATT DISCUSSING SAME WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR MINISTRY SUPERIOR DIRECTOR AND LEGAL ADVISOR AND PERU'S WORKER DELEGATE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SABOGAL TOLD LABATT THAT GOP WAS THEN IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING ITS ILO POSITION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE HOROWITZ VISIT AND EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH FOLLOWED. SABOGAL WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON THE PERUVIAN STANCE, POINTING OUT THAT PERU FULLY APPRECIATED U.S. VIEWS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ILO, HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT PERU SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS IMAGE WITH THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. SABOGAL INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ' EMPHASIS ON A FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTED TOWARD LATIN AMERICA WOULD MEAN THAT PERU WILL CLOSELY COORDINATE ITS ILO POSITION WITH ITS LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS. SABOGAL NOTED THAT THE GIP IS INVOLVED WITH ITS OWN ILO PROBLEM, A DENUNCIA-
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TION BY THE FISHERMEN'S UNION RELATING TO A 1976 STRIKE AND SOMETIMES BLOODY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE GOVERNMENT.

3. LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. APPROACH TO CRITICAL CONFERENCE ISSUES, BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONSIDER CONCESSIONS ON STRUCTURE (OPENING

UP THE GOVERNING BODY TO LDOS) IN RETURN FOR THE ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT. THE EARLIER THAN EXPECTED RESIGNATION MAY 16 OF LABOR MINISTER GALINDO WHO PERSONALLY EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. POSITION AND WHO HOPED TO CONTACT USG DELEGATE HOROWITZ UPON ARRIVAL IN GENEVA, MAY INCREASE GOP TENDENCY TOWARD A LOW PROFILE APPROACH. THE NEW LABOR MINISTER, LUIS UGARELLI VALLE, IS AN AIR FORCE GENERAL WITH NO EXPERIENCE IN LABOR MATTERS.

4. WORKER DELGATE JULIO CRUZADO, SEC GEN OF THE APRA-ORIENTED CTP LABOR CONFEDERATION, EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. CRUZADO TOLD LABATT THAT DURING A RECENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PERU'S TAKING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ILO AND URGED SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. CRUZADO IS CONFIDENT THAT THE GOP WILL SUPPORT THE U.S. ON CRITICAL CONFERENCE ISSUES.

5. THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION HAS NOT YET BEEN DESIGNATED BUT SHOULD INCLUDE LABOR MINISTER UGARELLI, LABOR MINISTRY SUPERIOR DIRECTOR JULIO BARRENECHEA (RECONFIRMED BY UGARELLI) AND POSSIBLY LABOR MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR PELEGRIN ROMAN. THE WORKER DELEGATE WILL BE JULIO CRUZADO, CTP SEC GEN. VICTOR SANCHEZ ZAPATA, SEC GEN OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LABOR ORGANIZATION, CNT, IS THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE. USUAL EMPLOYER DELEGATE D'MAISON MAY AGAIN ATTEND.

6. FONOFF INFORMED THE EMBASSY MAY 18 THAT THE GOP POSITION HAS STILL NOT BEEN WORKED OUT AND THAT THE CHANGE IN LABOR MINISTERS HAS DELAYED THE PROCESS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT THE FULLY-CONFIDENTIAL

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